GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF HAZARDOUS AND BANNED INSECTICIDES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that some foreign companies are importing hazardous and banned insecticides in the country on a large scale resulting in pollution in the environment;

(b) if so, whether there is no effective provision in the existing `Insecticides Act` to impose ban on such imports; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check import of the said insecticides?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): There are several pesticides which are banned in some other countries of the world, but are not banned for use in India. Pesticides which are not banned in our country can be imported subject to the provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968.

(c): The import of pesticides is subject to it being registered by the Registration Committee as per provisions of the Insecticides Act. Depending on the scientific developments. Government reviews the use of pesticides from time to time by appointing an Expert Committee and takes decision about bans / restrictions / continued use as per the recommendations of the Expert Committee and / or Registration Committee.